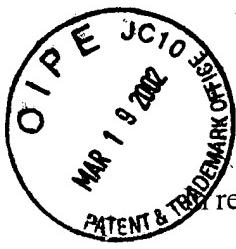


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Re application of

Shinichi NISHIDA, et al.

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2001, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner cites new references and rejects all of the pending claims in view of these references as follows:

- claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Oh-e et al. (Oh-e) in view of Shimizu et al. (Shimizu) and **newly cited Ogawa et al. (Ogawa)**;
- claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over **newly cited Utsumi et al. (Utsumi)**;
- claims 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Utsumi in view of Shimizu;
- claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Utsumi in view of **newly cited Yamahara et al. (Yamahara)**; and
- claims 8-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Utsumi and Yamahara and further in view of **newly cited Wada et al. (Wada)**.

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections as follows.